

To Approve 09/16/14

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NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 28, 2014, 4:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1.0 OPENING ITEMS.

- 1.1 Call to Order.** Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., called the special meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 4:45 p.m. at the Newport Public Schools' Administration Center, in room 924.
- 1.2 Roll Call.** Attendance was as follows: **School Committee Members:** Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., Vice Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines, Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., Robert J. Leary, Thomas S. Phelan, and Robert B. Power, Ed.D.; and **School Department:** Superintendent of Schools Colleen B. Jermain and Director of Administrative Services Joan Tracey.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 Personnel Actions.

Appointments. Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve all of the recommended appointments, with the exception of appointment Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, for discussion only, at the request of Mr. Leary. Dr. Power seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Leary spoke to his concern regarding the budgeting of new appointments for this fiscal year. He asked the Director of Administrative Services Joan Tracey if she was comfortable with the approved cuts in this fiscal year's budget. Chairperson Dr. Shoemaker stated to Mr. Leary that he was out of order and that this discussion was in regard to personnel only and not the finances of the current budget. The motion to approve all recommended appointments, as presented, passed (5-2). Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Vice Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., Vice Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines, Becky Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., and Robert B. Power, Ed.D. Those members voting against the motion were: Robert J. Leary and Thomas S. Phelan.

Transfers. Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the transfers, as presented. Ms. Bolan seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Leary requested an explanation for the first and third requests for transfer. The motion carried (6-1). Voting against the motion was: Robert J. Leary, as he stated that he could not support the request for the first transfer.

Resignation. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the resignation, as presented, with regret. Dr. Power seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Rescission. Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the rescission, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

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APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS/RECALLS

APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>		<u>Starting Date</u>
Angela Johnson	Social Studies Teacher – Rogers High School	09/02/14
Erin Ross	BSP Special Educator – Thompson Middle School	09/02/14
Mary Cousins	Mathematics Teacher (FTE 1.0) – Rogers High School	09/02/14
Katherine Ringdahl	Mathematics Teacher – ALP, Rogers High School (1 year only)	09/02/14
Ian O'Dwyer	Mathematics Teacher (FTE 0.8) – Rogers High School	09/02/14
Veronica Mays	English Teacher – ALP, Rogers High School (1 year only)	09/02/14
Brooke Anderson	Science Teacher (FTE 0.6) – Rogers High School	09/02/14
Anne Lague	Art Teacher – Pell Elementary School/Thompson Middle School	09/02/14
Donald Chilton	Music Teacher (FTE 1.0) – Thompson Middle School	09/02/14
Brianna DeWitt	Music Teacher (FTE 0.7) – Thompson Middle School	09/02/14
Kerry Clarke	School Based Coordinator – Newport/Middletown Public Schools	TBD
Colleen Crotteau	PBIS Coordinator – Pell Elementary School	09/02/14
Kathy McKeon	PBIS Coordinator – Pell Elementary School	09/02/14
Barbara O'Neill	PBIS Coordinator – Pell Elementary School	09/02/14

TRANSFERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Stacey Lyon	Library Teacher (FTE .7) – Pell/TMS to Library Teacher (FTE 1.0) – Pell	09/02/14
James Psaras	PE/Health Teacher – Pell/RHS to PE/Health Teacher – Pell	09/02/14
Keyla Palmucci	Special Education Teacher – TMS to Grade 4 Teacher – Pell	09/02/14
Jamie Caster	Special Class Life Skills – TMS to Special Education Teacher – TMS	09/02/14

RESIGNATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Paul Mackin	Automotive Technical Assistant – Newport Area Career & Technical Center	08/25/14

RESCISSION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Alan Bernstein	Retirement from Newport Public Schools Supervisor of the Arts	08/28/14

At approximately 5:15 p.m., Dr. Power excused himself from the meeting.

3.0 **DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

- 3.1 **Superintendent's Update—School Year 2015 [Alternative Learning Program; Enrollment; Rogers High School Staffing Update; Policy Update].** Superintendent Jermain updated the committee on talking points, as follows: Alternative Learning Program redesign and its one-year evaluation, projected enrollment as of today, August 28, 2014, opening additional classrooms at Pell School, review of the chart citing Rogers High School staffing and course subscriptions, and suspension of Students— Extracurricular Activities—Academic Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities—No. 5370 to render legal opinion regarding the committee's role of suspending policies. Additional updates followed: Newport Area Career and Technical Center's proposed program expansion and the Early Learning Center housed at the John F. Kennedy School and whether there might be a possibility to remain there in the near future should the program be successful in this its first year.

Mr. Leary requested that Superintendent Jermain provide the committee with a listing of contracted agencies the district partners with during the year.

4.0 **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

At 5:28 p.m., Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines made a motion to go into Executive Session under jurisdiction of Rhode Island State Law, Chapter 46, 42-46-5 – Exceptions—(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SEALED MINUTES—CONFIDENTIAL

OPEN SESSION

At 6:08 p.m., Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines made a motion to reconvene the meeting in open session. Ms. Bolan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

5.0 ADJOURNMENT.

At 6:10 p.m., Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.
Chairperson

Colleen B. Jermain
Clerk